The Story of Zubaidah: A Queen Forgiven by Allah

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Chapter 1: Queen Zubaidah’s Meeting with Allah

A Compassionate Ruler: Legacy Beyond Power

Zubaidah was a pious and compassionate queen.

She greatly benefited humanity by constructing the Zubaidah Canal, a monumental work of public service.

The Dream Encounter: A Glimpse into the Hereafter

After her death, she appeared in a person’s dream.

Dreamer:

"Queen Zubaidah! What happened to you?"

Queen Zubaidah:

"Allah, the Lord of Majesty, has forgiven me."

Noble Deeds Questioned: The Divine Perspective

The dreamer was astonished and responded with awe at her accomplishments.

Dreamer:

"You accomplished such a noble deed like the Zubaidah Canal; forgiveness was inevitable!"

Queen Zubaidah:

"No, no! When the canal’s deed was presented, the Almighty said,

‘You executed this project using treasury funds.

Had there been no treasury, the canal would never have been built.

Tell Me, what did you do personally for Me?’

I panicked, wondering what would happen next."

Divine Mercy: The Power of a Small Act

She continued recounting the unexpected turn of mercy in the divine judgment.

Queen Zubaidah:

"But Allah showed mercy and said,

‘One act of yours pleased Us greatly.

Once, while you were hungry and eating at the dining table, the call to prayer echoed with the words "Allahu Akbar."

You had a morsel in your hand, and your scarf had slipped from your head.

You set the morsel aside, adjusted your scarf first, and only then resumed eating.

You delayed eating solely out of respect for My name. Very well,

We have forgiven you!”